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**APPLICATION OF TEXAS WATER §
SYSTEMS, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO §
CHANGE RATES §**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS**

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**COMMISSION STAFF'S SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION ON
ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS**

Comes now the Staff ("Staff") of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission"), representing the public interest, and files this Recommendation on Administrative Completeness in response to Order No. 3. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

I. Background

On April 21, 2017, Texas Water Systems, Inc. ("TWS" or "Applicant") filed an application ("Application") for a rate/tariff change under Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 12473 in Upshur County with an effective date of July 1, 2017. On July 10, 2017, the Administrative Law Judge (the "ALJ") issued Order No. 3, requiring TWS to file additional curative information by July 28, 2017, and Staff to file a recommendation on sufficiency of the Application and notice by August 4, 2017. This pleading is therefore timely filed.

II. Staff's Recommendation

Staff has reviewed TWS's supplemented Application, and, as shown by the attached memorandum from Sean Scaff, Janie Kohl, and Jonathon Ramirez of the Water Utilities Division, Staff recommends that the Application be deemed sufficient for filing and, therefore, administratively complete.

III. Proposed Procedural Schedule

Staff proposes the following schedule:

Deadline to intervene, comment, and/or request a hearing (90 days from July 1, 2017 effective date ¹)	September 29, 2017
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¹ 16 TAC 24.28(c)(2).

Deadline for Staff to make a final recommendation or request a hearing	October 13, 2017
Deadline for Applicant to respond to Staff's final recommendation	October 20, 2017
Deadline for Commission to refer to SOAH for hearing (120 days from July 1, 2017 effective date ²)	October 29, 2017

IV. Conclusion

Staff respectfully requests issuance of an order consistent with the above recommendations.

² 16 TAC 24.28(c)(1).

PUC Interoffice Memorandum

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From: Jonathan Ramirez, Financial Analyst
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Date: August 2, 2017

Subject: **Docket No. 47161:** *Application of Texas Water Systems, Inc. for Authority to Change Rates*

On April 25, 2017, Texas Water Systems, Inc. (Applicant) filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission of Texas (PUC) for a rate/tariff change under Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 12473 in Upshur County. An administrative review of the application and notice has been made pursuant to Texas Water Code §§13.1387 (TWC) and 16 Tex. Admin. Code §§24.21 through 24.26(TAC).

Commission Order No. 3 found the application deficient due to multiple documents missing. On July 13, 2017, the Applicant submitted those missing documents. Staff has reviewed the application and recommends that the Commission find the application sufficient for filing.

Dated: August 4, 2017

Respectfully Submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on August 4, 2017, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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